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## House just south of the Academy of the Arts

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108 South Harrison Street Easton, Maryland 21601 T-472 Early Nineteenth Century and Later

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1920's

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A three part frame building, this house was moved to South Harrison from East Dover Street in the 1920's. It now stands on the east side of South Harrison, just south of the Art Academy.

The building has undergone several major changes through the years and it is now difficult, if not impossible to establish the history of the structure from the building itself. The tallest portion, the southern (formerly the western) is certainly the last constructed, however. It is a two story plus attic building with front gable which is finished with a cornice and return. The bold cyma recta molding used as the crown molding of this cornice corner boards and the round arch gable windows are the only decorative elements of this portion of the house. Three bays wide, the window frames are very narrow, about one inch, and trimmed with a bead. Six over six sashes is used in each window; weatherboarding is four-and-a-half inches wide.

The main entrance and stair are located in the central portion of the building. This portion is also three bays wide, and two stories plus attic in height. It is covered, on the front facade with random width weather-boarding, about five inches wide, with beveled edges. In the rear east facade, the weatherboarding is wider, but also has beveled edges.\* The gable roof has a beaded and tapered barge board on the gable and box cornice.

Windows are regularly spaced. The earliest windows which remain in the rear have beaded and pegged flames with a quarter-round back band molding. The sill is rounded with a cavetto molding beneath; a rather unusual treatment in Easton, this detail is also found on Oak Hill (T-477) and Miss MarylJenkins House, 30 South Washington (T-6). These old sills have been removed from first floor front windows, when they were lengthened to accommodate taller sash. There are two four over four sash windows in the attic in the north gable. They also have back band moldings like those on the east facade, but are partially covered with the roof of the northern wing.

The main entrance has a round arch transom light and pilasters. It is sheltered by a pedimented porch with denticulated cornice and round columns. Benches are found on both sides of the porch, which appears to be modern.

The northern wing is the lowest, also two stories high. It is three bays wide and covered with beveled weatherboarding of about six inches, random width. The windows have six over six sashes secured by narrow beaded trim on the second floor and wider unbeaded trim with a back band on the first. A secondary entrance, in the south bay has a denticulated architrave carried on round engaged columns. The beaded frame holds a six panel door which appears to date from the mid nineteenth century.

The ninety degree gable roof is finished with a cornice and return which resembles that on the south portion of the building. There are no windows on the gable end; the chimney is modern.

On the inside the building also has details which date from several architectural periods. The small northern portion is largely rebuilt, but has old wide wellow pine flooring and a fragment of chair rail which appears

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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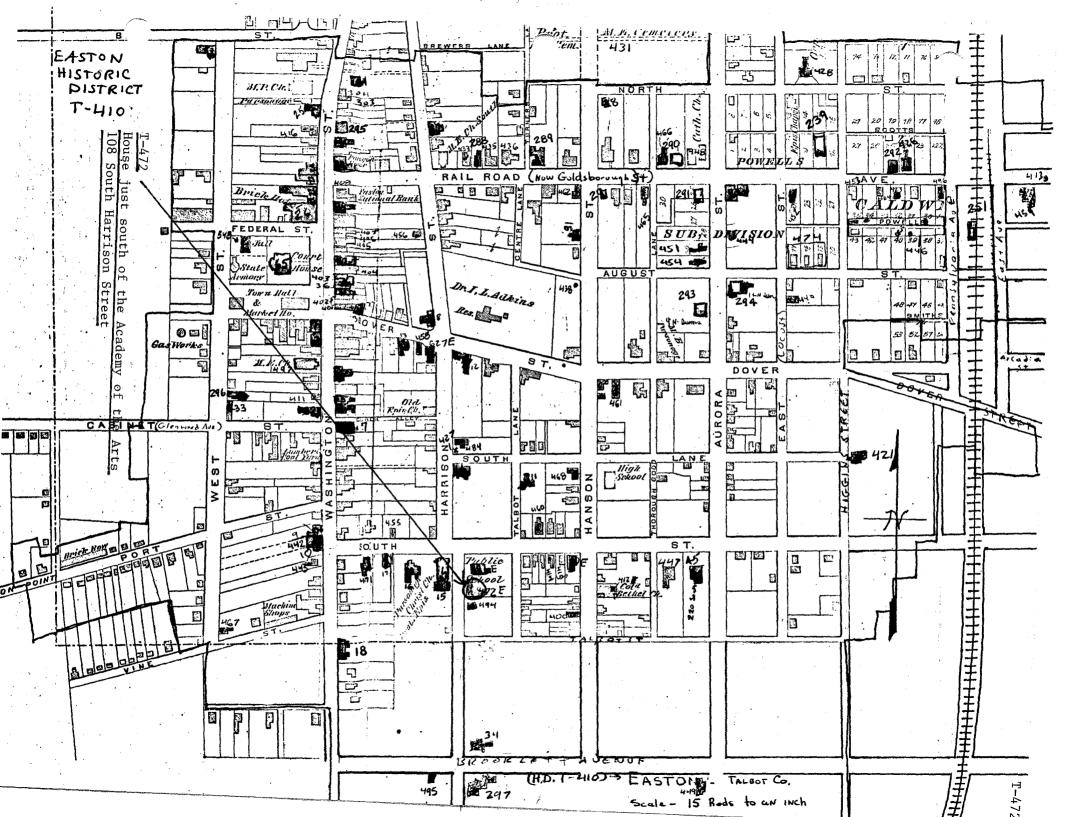
to be of a simple Federal period type. In the central portion, all window and door frames are wide and appear to date from the late 1800's. In the large south portion of the building, window and door trim show Greek Revival influence with simplified pilasters and cornice, greatly resembles that in the Luby House (T-29), 200 Goldsborough Street.

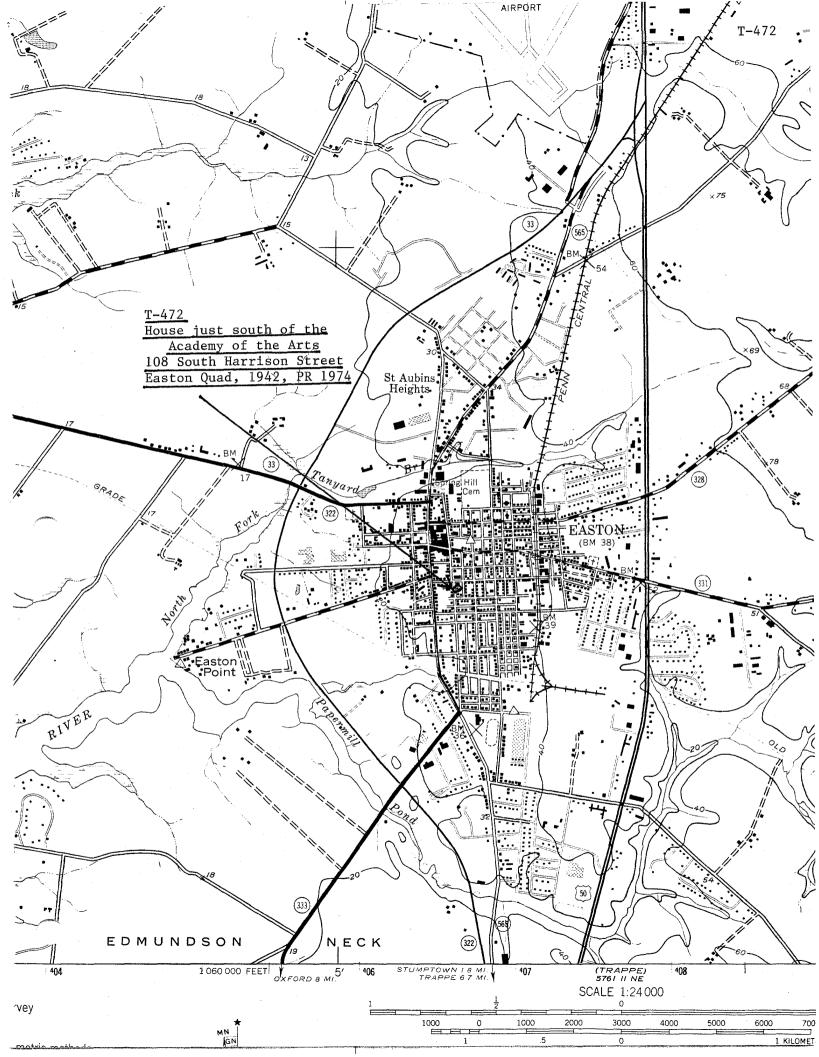
The stair has turned balusters and heavy newels. It is located, like the main entrance in the south bay of the central wing. The largest portion of the house shows no evidence of having had a stair or main entrance. This stair, being of a later period than the original window frames on the exterior, appears to have been added when the later south block was built.

To the rear of the building is a two-story ell, a portion of which is contemporary with the main house. A rear porch with round columns was added in 1920's.

The house is beautifully mantained and used as apartments. It is painted white.

<sup>\*</sup> This treatment is also seen on the frame wing of the Bullitt House, T-12.







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